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For: UPDATING OBJECTS CONTAINED WITHIN A WEBPAGE

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Sir:

I, Stephen Charles Appling, hereby declare that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the above-referenced patent application.
2. I have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 6,823,359 to Heidingsfeld ("Heidingsfeld"),

which was cited in the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, in connection with the patent application. I understand that Heidingsfeld has an effective prior art date of November 21, 2000.

3. The attached documents, from which the dates have been removed, demonstrate that I conceived of the system and method for updating objects contained within a webpage defined by pending claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, and 16-21 prior to November 21, 2000. The documents are described below.

4. Exhibit A is a facsimile from counsel addressed to me with an attached copy of an earlier draft of the pending patent application. The early draft is titled "A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UPDATING OBJECTS CONTAINED WITHIN A WEB PAGE" ("Application Draft") describing the system and method for selectively updating objects on a web page

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